

**ABSTRACT**

5 A support member for packs, bags and other articles adapted to be supported from the shoulders of a wearer of the article including a pair of spaced-apart rigid arms adapted to engage the waist and/or hips of the wearer of the pack, bag or article. A sleeve or shoulder associated with either the arms or the article secures the arms to the article. In one of the embodiments, the arms, shoulders and sleeve combine to define a generally U-shape frame adapted to be mounted to the article. In another embodiment, the shoulders and/or sleeve are adjustable to allow the adjustment of the width between the arms. In other of the 10 embodiments, the arms are rotatable about the article between disengaged and engaged positions.

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